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1. ON MORNING 28 JUNE DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI POINTS MADE IN REF(C) AND LEFT WITH HIM APPROPRIATE PIECE OF PAPER AS REMINDER. HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF AMBASSADOR THACHER' S THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS. HE FOCUSED PARTICULARLY ON SUGGESTION FOR QTE INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE, POLLUTIGE OF GULF UNQTE AND SAID, QTE WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET SAUDIS TO COOPERATE WITH US IN THESE FIELDS FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS UNQTE. MY REJOINDER WAS, QTE YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO CONTINUE TRYING FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS UNQTE. KHALATBARI LAUGHED AND AGREED THAT THE ONLY THING IRAN CAN DO IS TO QTE TRY UNQTE ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO REACH SOME KIND OF WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH SAUDI ARABIA.

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2. KHALATBARI LOOKS FORWARD TO TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR THACHER SOME TIME AFTER HE ARRIVES IN SAUDI ARABIA ON 1 JULY. HE CLEARLY VALUES AMBASSADOR' S VIEWS AND JUDGMENTS.

3. WE ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON POINT MADE IN REF (D) ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO YEMEN SUDAIRY. IN ADDITION, I RAISED WITH KHALATBARI THE IRAN- ISRAELI CONSPIRACY THEORY WHICH UNDERSTAND SAUDIS AND OTHER ARABS TALK ABOUT A GOOD DEAL AMONG THEMSELVES. HE TENDED TO AGREE THAT THE MORE SUCH CONSPIRACY THEORY WAS DISCUSSED, THE MORE ARABS TENDED TO BELIEVE IT. IN ANY EVENT, HE MADE NOTE OF POINT.

4. REF (C) WAS MOST HELPFUL FOR WHICH MANY THANKS.
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